

## **CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

1. (currently amended) A nozzle which is to be provided on a top of a tubular neck portion of a liquid container, the tubular neck portion being to be mounted with a cap, the nozzle having opposite top and bottom ends and comprising:

a discharging hole extending through the nozzle from the top end towards the bottom end and being disposed to be hermetically sealed by an inner top portion of the cap;

a flange portion spaced from the top end of the nozzle and configured to be in contact with the top of the tubular neck portion of the liquid container; ~~and~~

a ring-shaped projection formed between the flange portion and the top end of the nozzle and spaced from the flange portion and the top end of the nozzle; and

a constricted portion between the ring-shaped projection and the flange portion of the nozzle.

Claim 2 (canceled).

3. (currently amended) A nozzle which is to be provided on a top of a tubular neck portion of a liquid container, the tubular neck portion being detachably mounted with a cap such that an inner circumferential surface of the cap is in contact with an outer circumferential surface of the tubular neck portion, the nozzle having opposite top and bottom ends and comprising:

a discharging hole extending through the nozzle from the top end towards the bottom end and being disposed to be hermetically sealed by an inner top portion of the cap;

a flange portion spaced from the top end of the nozzle and in contact with the top of the tubular neck portion of the liquid container;~~and~~

a ring-shaped projection to be hermetically brought into contact with the inner circumferential surface of the cap, the ring-shaped projection being formed between the flange and the top end of the nozzle and spaced from the flange and the top end of the nozzle; and

a constricted portion between the ring-shaped projection and the flange portion of the nozzle.

Claims 4 and 5 (canceled).

6. (currently amended) A nozzle according to claim-~~5~~ 1, wherein at least two ring-shaped fins whose edges are to be hermetically brought into contact with an inner circumferential surface of the tubular neck portion upon inserting the nozzle into the tubular neck portion are formed on an outer circumferential surface of the nozzle between the flange portion and the bottom end portion of the nozzle while being vertical spaced apart, and an airtight air pool is formed between hermetic contact portions of the respective ring-shaped fins and the inner circumferential surface of the tubular neck portion.

7. (currently amended) A nozzle having opposite top and bottom ends, portions of the nozzle between the ends being configured to be inserted into a tubular neck portion of a liquid container such that an outer circumferential surface of a lower portion of the nozzle is hermetically held in contact with an inner circumferential surface of the tubular neck portion, the tubular neck portion being detachably mounted with a cap such that an inner circumferential surface of the cap is spirally engaged with or locked into an outer circumferential surface of the tubular neck portion, the nozzle comprising:

a discharging hole extending from the top end of the nozzle and into the liquid container, the discharging hole being disposed to be hermetically sealed by an inner top portion of the cap;

a flange portion spaced from the top and bottom ends of the nozzle and in contact with the top of the tubular neck portion of the liquid container; ~~and~~

a ring-shaped projection to be hermetically brought into contact with the inner circumferential surface of the cap, the ring-shaped projection being formed between the flange portion and the top end of the nozzle and spaced from the flange portion and the top end of the nozzle; and

a constricted portion between the ring-shaped projection and the flange portion of the nozzle.

Claims 8 and 9 (canceled).

10. (currently amended) A nozzle according to claim ~~9~~ 7, wherein at least two ring-shaped fins whose edges are to be hermetically brought into contact with the inner circumferential surface of the tubular neck portion upon inserting the nozzle into the tubular neck portion are formed on the outer circumferential surface of the nozzle while being spaced apart from one another between the flange portion and the bottom end of the nozzle, and an airtight air pool is formed between hermetic contact portions of the respective ring-shaped fins and the inner circumferential surface of the tubular neck portion.

11. (currently amended) A nozzle which is formed on a top of a cap hermetically mounted on a tubular neck portion of a liquid container, the cap being coupled

with an upper lid via a hinge, the upper lid being formed with a tubular portion on an inner top portion thereof, the nozzle comprising:

opposite top and bottom ends, the bottom end at the top of the cap;

a discharging hole extending through the nozzle from the top end substantially to the bottom end and being disposed to be hermetically sealed by the inner top portion of the upper lid;~~and~~

a ring-shaped projection to be hermetically brought into contact with an inner circumferential surface of the tubular portion of the upper lid, the ring-shaped projection being formed between the top of the cap and the top end of the nozzle and spaced from the top of the cap and the top end of the nozzle; and

a constricted portion between the ring-shaped projection of the nozzle and the top of the cap.

Claims 12, 13 and 15-17 (canceled).

19. (currently amended) A nozzle which is to be provided on a top of a tubular neck portion of a liquid container, the nozzle having opposite and bottom ends comprising:

a discharging hole extending from the top end towards the bottom end for discharging liquid from the liquid container;

a flange portion spaced from the top end of the nozzle and configured to be in contact with the top of the tubular neck portion of the liquid container;~~and~~

a ring-shaped projection formed between and spaced from the flange portion and the top end of the nozzle; and

a constricted portion between the ring-shaped projection and the flange  
portion of the nozzle.

Claims 20 and 21 (canceled).